NCRB's report on crime against women

†3164. SHRI JABIR HUSAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in its latest report resented several serious facts and data regarding crimes against women and their trafficking; and

(b) if so, the status of crimes against women as per report, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a)-National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in its latest Crime in India report has a chapter each on crime against women and human trafficking.

(b) The State/UT-wise information on cases registered, cases charge-sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted and persons convicted under various heads of crime against women, including trafficking, in 2006 is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 213 Annexure No. 11] A total of 164765 cases of crimes against women, which includes 4541 cases booked under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, were reported in the country during 2006.

Basis of this year's Padma Awards

3165. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for the Padma Awards this year; and

(b) why no PSU Chief in the industry segment was given any recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) in terms of the statutes and rules governing the 'Padma Awards':

(0 Padma Vibhushan is given for 'exceptional and distinguished service',

(ii) Padma Bhushan for 'distinguished service of a high order', and

(iii) Padma Shri for 'distinguished service'.

The awards are broadly given in the fields of Art, Social Work, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Trade & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Civil Service, Sports etc. There is no separate category specifically earmarked for the Chiefs of Public Sector Undertakings.

Separate Development Board for North Maharashtra

3166. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government had sent a proposal to set up Separate Development Board for North Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra, on the basis of a Resolution passed unanimously by both Houses of the State Legislature on 13.7.2006, has requested Government of India to take necessary steps to amend Article 371 (2) of the Constitution to set up a separate Statutory Development Board for North Maharashtra covering the five districts of Dhule, Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Nasik and Ahmednagar.

(c) The proposal is under examination.

Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan

3167. SHR1MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS **be pleased** to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to amend Article 371 (2) (a) to set **up** Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Government has received a Resolution passed on 20th February, 2005 by both the Houses of Maharashtra State Legislature recommending the establishment of **a** separate Development Board for Konkan region of the State. The Planning Commission, who were consulted in the matter, are of the view that backwardness by itself is not a reason for constitutional amendment as there are other instruments available to the Centre and **State** Governments to gear up their development machinery.

(c) Does not arise.

Intelligence report about prevalence of naxalism in Punjab

3168. SHRI MATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHR1MATISHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intelligence agencies in Punjab has sent a report to Government about prevalence of naxalism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any firm steps to check the spread of naxalism in Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) It may not be feasible or appropriate for Ministry of Home Affairs to comment on the Inputs provided from time to time by the Central and State Intelligence agencies.

No incident of naxalite violence or casualty of civilians or security personnel has been reported from Punjab during the last five years.